Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1–2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:

a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;

a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and

a lesson menu generating means for generating an image information of a lesson menu which has a score of the music to be played and the units corresponding to the score, then output the image information to the display means, wherein

the unit designating means designates a unit automatically, which unit corresponding to the score of the performance instruction information to be displayed next, and wherein

the lesson menu having the units which are provided to include wider range of musical tone information, as the skill level becomes higher, is displayed according to the skill level corresponding to the score, and

the unit designating means designates a unit to be played at the earliest timing, in which performance thereof has not reached a predetermined acceptable standard, of the units on the lesson menu, as a unit of which performance instruction is to be displayed next, and when performance of all units in the same skill level has reached the acceptable standard, the unit of

which performance instruction is to be displayed next is selected from units in the upper ranking skill level than the current skill level and designated.

4.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:

a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;

a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and

a lesson menu generating means for generating an image information of a lesson menu which has a score of the music to be played and the units corresponding to the score, then output the image information to the display means, wherein

the unit designating means designates a unit automatically, which unit corresponding to the score of the performance instruction information to be displayed next, and wherein

the lesson menu having the units which are provided to include wider range of musical tone information, as the skill level becomes higher, are displayed according to the skill level corresponding to the score, and

the unit designating means designates a unit to be played at the earliest timing, in which performance thereof has not reached a predetermined acceptable standard, of the units on the lesson menu, as a unit of which performance instruction is to be displayed next, and when performance of all units in the lower-ranking skill level included in a unit of the higher ranking skill level has reached the acceptable standard, the higher ranking unit is designated as the unit of which performance instruction is to be displayed next.

5–7.   (Cancelled)

8.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:

a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;

a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and

a lesson menu generating means for generating an image information of a lesson menu which has a score of the music to be played and the units corresponding to the score, then output the image information to the display means, wherein

the unit designating means designates a unit automatically, which unit corresponding to the score of the performance instruction information to be displayed next, wherein the display means separately displays a trained unit and a unit whose note information is to be displayed next, at the time of displaying the lesson menu.

9.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:

a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;

a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and

a lesson menu generating means for generating an image information of a lesson menu which has a score of the music to be played and the units corresponding to the score, then output the image information to the display means, wherein

the unit designating means designates a unit automatically, which unit corresponding to the score of the performance instruction information to be displayed next, wherein the display means separately displays unit which come up to a evaluation standard and unit which does not come up to the evaluation standard, at the time of displaying the lesson menu.

10.   (Original) The musical performance self-training apparatus according to claim 8, comprising result processing means which evaluates the performance result of the designated unit, and the display means displays the evaluation in the trained unit, at the time of displaying the lesson menu.

11–16. (Cancelled)

17.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:
a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;
a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and
a musical performance judgment apparatus for evaluating musical performance, wherein the judgment apparatus further comprises:
a performance result storage means for storing information relating to performance timing as a result of musical performance;
a judgment means for comparing the information relating to the performance timing with the information relating to the performance timing included in the performance instruction and detecting the difference between these; and
an evaluation means for evaluating the performance, corresponding to the difference detected by the judgment means,

wherein a plurality of items are stored in the performance result storage means for each played note, as the information relating to the performance timing, and

the evaluation means extracts the items evaluated best of the plurality of items with respect to all played notes, to evaluate the musical performance according to the mean value thereof, and

wherein the evaluation of the musical performance is the evaluation for each information of a plurality of items relating to the performance timing, and

the musical performance judgment apparatus further comprises means for graphically displaying evaluation for each of the information comprehensively.

18.   (Original) The musical performance self-training apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the graphic displayed evaluation is displayed on one displayed image together with the performance instruction display.

19–35. (Cancelled).

36.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:

a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;

a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and

a musical performance judgment apparatus for evaluating musical performance, wherein the judgment apparatus further comprises:

a performance result storage means for storing information relating to performance timing as a result of musical performance;

a judgment means for comparing the information relating to the performance timing with the information relating to the performance timing included in the performance instruction and detecting the difference between these; and

an evaluation means for evaluating the performance, corresponding to the difference detected by the judgment means,

wherein the musical performance self-training apparatus further comprises a lesson menu generating means for generating an image information of a lesson menu which has a score of the music to be played and the units corresponding to the score, then output the image information to the display means,

wherein the unit designating means designates a unit automatically, which unit corresponding to the score of the performance instruction information to be displayed next,

wherein a plurality of items are stored in the performance result storage means for each played note, as the information relating to the performance timing, and

the evaluation means extracts the items evaluated best of the plurality of items with respect to all played notes, to evaluate the musical performance according to the mean value thereof, and

wherein the evaluation of the musical performance is the evaluation for each information of a plurality of items relating to the performance timing, and

the musical performance judgment apparatus further comprises means for graphically displaying evaluation for each of the information comprehensively.

37.   (Previously Presented) The musical performance self-training apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the graphic displayed evaluation is displayed on one displayed image together with the performance instruction display.

38–41. (Cancelled)

42.   (Previously Presented) A musical performance self-training apparatus for supporting a player by displaying a performance instruction information on a display means, comprising:

a unit designating means for designating a unit from plural units, the units constitute a music to be performed and each unit includes a predetermined size of musical tone information;

a performance instruction information generating means for generating a performance instruction information based on the musical tone information of the unit which is designated by the unit designating means; and

a musical performance judgment apparatus for evaluating musical performance, wherein the judgment apparatus further comprises:

a performance result storage means for storing information relating to performance timing as a result of musical performance;

a judgment means for comparing the information relating to the performance timing with the information relating to the performance timing included in the performance instruction and detecting the difference between these; and

an evaluation means for evaluating the performance, corresponding to the difference detected by the judgment means,

wherein the musical performance self-training apparatus further comprises a lesson menu generating means for generating an image information of a lesson menu which has a score of the music to be played and the units corresponding to the score, then output the image information to the display means,

wherein the unit designating means designates a unit automatically, which unit corresponding to the score of the performance instruction information to be displayed next,

wherein the unit designating means being constructed so as to be able to operate selectively in an automatic mode in which designation of the unit is automatically performed according to predetermined progress, or in a manual mode in which an optional unit can be designated by manual operation,

wherein a plurality of items are stored in the performance result storage means for each played note, as the information relating to the performance timing, and

the evaluation means extracts the items evaluated best of the plurality of items with respect to all played notes, to evaluate the musical performance according to the mean value thereof, and

wherein the evaluation of the musical performance is the evaluation for each information of a plurality of items relating to the performance timing, and

the musical performance judgment apparatus further comprises means for graphically displaying evaluation for each of the information comprehensively.

43.   (Previously Presented) The musical performance self-training apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the graphic displayed evaluation is displayed on one displayed image together with the performance instruction display.